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MBA PLAYERS PRESENT OUR TOWN

Five Seniors Tapped for Totomoi



L. to R. New members are: John Stiffer, Frank Bass, Jim Lowenthal, Fred Billings, Mike Mooty. Pres. De Thompson, and Vice Pres. Jim Ezzell.

On January 17, the tapping ceremony for Totomoi was conducted by De Thompson, President, and Jim Ezzell, Vice-President. The highest honor that can be bestowed upon a boy at M.B.A. is his election to membership in Totomoi, the school's honorary leadership fraternity. Entrance to Totomoi can be achieved by those boys who have made outstanding contributions in the fields of scholarship, publications, student government, athletics, and organizations. The primary purposes of Totomoi are: (1) to promote new student activities and traditions, and especially to further high moral character and Christian development; (2) to encourage support, and otherwise increase student participation in all existing activities and traditions of Montgomery Bell Academy; (3) to honor by recognition of their merit the outstanding students, alumni, and faculty of Montgomery Bell Academy.

Those boys in the senior class recognized by membership are Frederick Billings, for student government, athletics, and organizations; Frank Bass, for scholarship, athletics, and organizations; Mike Mooty, for publications, athletics, and organizations; Jim Lowenthal, for athletics, scholarship, and organizations; John Stiffer, for scholarship, publications, and organizations. John Stiffer will serve as secretary of the honorary society.

Congratulations to these outstanding boys.

ENTER NOW!!

Just think up a name for the folk singing group of Bill Geny, Pat Patrick, and Bill Davidson. Entries will be judged for originality, cleverness, appropriateness, conciseness, feasibility, duplicity, ambiguity, and other exoteric and yechnetic qualities. Winners will be announced in the next issue of the BELL RINGER and prizes will be awarded in assembly. Direct all entries to Estwyne McKartney in care of the assistant editor. Members of the paper staff and their immediate family are ineligible.

Debate Team Storms Atlanta

On the week-end of February 6-8, Mrs. Campbell and six M.B.A. students participated in the annual Barkley Forum at Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Mike Mooty, Mike Brandon, Jim Lowenthal, John Stiffer, Tom Howell, and Rick Evans made the trip with Mrs. Campbell in the world's only turquoise-blue hearse.

This big tournament began on Friday afternoon. Fifty-three schools from five southeastern states (Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina, Florida, and Alabama) competed. Representing M.B.A. in debate, which is the main feature of the forum, were the negative team, made up of four-year veterans Mike Brandon and Mike Mooty, and the affirmative team of Tom Howell and Rick Evans. Jim Lowenthal competed in the exceedingly difficult extemporaneous-speaking contest, and John Stiffer entered the declamation contest.

It must be said here that the Barkley Forum presents one with perhaps the toughest, most experienced competition a public speaker can meet anywhere other than in a national tournament. Apparently the competition was exceptionally tough this year, since the highly-experienced M. B. A. team finished in the lower fifty per cent of the schools competing. Asking for comments on why these boys did not do better, we found these answers:

Lowenthal: "The judges were incompetent."

Evans: "No one appreciated my superior ability."

Howell: "Our opponents bridled the judges."

Stiffer: "The people who ran the tournament didn't know what they were doing."

Mooty: "We couldn't wake him up to get an answer."

Brandon: "We just bungled the whole thing."

At any rate, the trip was profitable just the same; all of M.B.A.'s entrants gained valuable experience for future competition. Furthermore, Mrs. Campbell received a special honor in being recognized as one of the six most

NEW BOOKS

Through the generosity of the Ladies' Auxiliary, the M.B.A. library has recently received many welcome additions to its collection. The new books cover many areas of interest from history to humor and from science to Shakespeare.

The history and science book shelves have been augmented by *Watchers of the Sky* (a history of astronomy), *Scientists Who Changed the World*, *The Great War* (1914-1918), *Empires in the Dust* (Roman history), *Echoes of Greece*, *The Leaven of Democracy* and *Nation Transformed* (a two volume set on United States history), and others.

However, it is the English department that has enjoyed the most attention. There are additions in the fields of biography (*Stephen Crane*, *Hemingway*, *Shakespeare*, *Edgar Allan Poe*), anthology (*Humorous Sketches* and *Tales of Mark Twain*), *The Faulkner Reader*, fiction (*Caravans*), and non-fiction (*The World of Shakespeare*, *Shakespeare and the Players*, *The Winged Horse*).

These are indeed excellent new books for the library, and we should like to thank the Ladies' Auxiliary for providing them. We know they shall be put to good use.

Matt Horner

DEBATE (Contd.)

outstanding forensic coaches at the tournament. In the past years, M.B.A. has given exceedingly fine performances at Emory, and it is hoped that one of the coming years will witness an M.B.A. team winning the Barkley Forum sweepstakes trophy as the most outstanding school in the tournament.

Support the Soccer Team

Phantom Saves Mr. Meriwether From Fiery Death

Lee Meriwether narrowly escapes Death (Phantom injured in tragic mishap).

Monday, February 17, started out just like any other day, but was marred by an event which almost set back M.B.A.'s merit system 50 years. Mr. Lee Meriwether, fighting against desperate odds, narrowly escaped the clutches of death.

Mr. Meriwether, was performing a delicate lab experiment for the members of his fourth period chemistry class. At the same time, a prominent member of the class, Philmore Potts, was performing an experiment of his own. Philmore was seeing how many matches he could strike on his tongue and hold in his mouth before the first one went out. Mr. Meriwether, however, was trying to invent a visible, greasy, flammable hair cream especially created with greasy people in mind. To make a short story long—Mr. Meriwether sneezed and the whole lab caught fire. Anyway, the entire lab caught fire and the students, who were well-prepared for such an emergency, escaped unharmed with the aid of their asbestos suits. Mr. Meriwether, however, was trapped helplessly in the fiery inferno.

Luckily, a nearby forest ranger spotted the fire and contacted the Phantom. The Phantom quickly arrived on the scene and with one mighty jerk of his arm pulled the fire alarm lever and alerted the fire department. Mr. Meriwether was speedily rescued and the fire brought under control thanks to the alert action of the Phantom. Mr. Meriwether escaped unharmed but the Phantom who suffered a pulled tendon sustained while pulling the alarm was rushed to Vanderbilt hospital and underwent emergency surgery for the injury.

The Phantom is now recovering from his injury and requests that you address your mail to Vanderbilt Hospital Ward 6 room 2106.

Philmore received 2 demerits and was last seen serving them off. Mr. Meriwether has been seen enjoying a 2 week vacation from bills at the home office of Associate Finance.

Mr. Carter has not been seen for 3 days. Anyone having any information concerning the whereabouts of Mr. Carter please keep it to yourself or contact the M.B.A. lost and found department immediately.

The Phantom

Any person wishing to contact the Phantom in time of emergency do so by quickly sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Phantom, P.O. Box 196, Nashville, Tennessee.

Poston Promises Prodigious Production

The Montgomery Bell Academy Players will present their latest production, *Our Town* by Thornton Wilder, on March 5, 6, and 7 of this year. Under the direction of Mr. Poston, the play will begin each night at 8:00 o'clock and all members of the cast will have tickets on sale. The Bell Ringer would like to recognize the following members of the staff and of the cast:

Director of Publicity—Tupper Morehead

Sound Effects—Frederic Billings

Lights—Chuck Burns, Webb Harwell, Bobby Harwell

Cast—Boys: John Stiffer, Tony Thomasson, Bob King, Jim Stanford, Jim Lowenthal, Rodney Downey, John Dunn, Burton Rice, John Shapiro, Jim Baldwin, Dick Smead, Pug Scoville, Ian Ednie, George Apfel, Jay Branum, Mike Bramham, Hoot Sarraitt, Eddie Miller, John Williams.

Girls: Judy McKay, Pam Friehter, Marie Dodson, Margaret Jones, Ann Cannon, Donna Solmon.

The Bell Ringer wishes the best of luck to the players, and encourages everyone to attend.

John Hutton

Students See Sanguinary Spectacle

On February 18, Mr. Carter presented the students with a spectacular and shocking assembly program. Judge Summers of the Davidson County Traffic Court presented a movie with many actual scenes of fatal highway accidents, in living color. These scenes were vividly described for those who couldn't watch. Some students were so enthusiastic that they rushed outside while the film was being shown to tell their tardy friends to hustle in and see. The movie was a masterpiece for what it was designed to do—to shock, startle, and alarm drivers into the realization that driving can indeed be dangerous. The movie fulfilled its purpose, for as the destroyed face of a young man leered from the screen for several repulsive seconds, everyone in the assembly must have realized that speeding is not worth the thrill.

When the spectacle was over, Judge Summers re-emphasized the importance of safe, careful driving. He quoted shocking statistics about the number of traffic deaths in Nashville, in Tennessee, and in the nation. Because of the superbly awakening film and the competent follow-up by Judge Summers, this program will be long, long remembered by everyone at M.B.A.

Joe Howell, '60 Wins Rockefeller Fellowship

Joe Howell, class of '60, a senior at Davidson College, received one of fifty Rockefeller awards for one year's graduate study in a seminary. The award is given to outstanding students who are thinking of studying for the ministry. Joe will attend Yale, Harvard, or Union.



RED FINISHES WINTER SPORTS

VARSITY BASKETBALL

M.B.A. vs. B.G.A.

At Curry Gym on December 13, gradually improving M.B.A. lost in the first overtime to B.G.A. 54-51. Under the leadership of high scorer Frank Bass, the Big Red kept the score tied through the whole game. Then in overtime B.G.A. scored six points to the Big Red's three. Scoring for M.B.A. were Bass (16), Sumpter (4), Trautman (8), P. Husband (2), Carl (6), H. Husband (8), and Noel (7).

M.B.A. vs. T.P.S.

M.B.A.'s first victory came on December 16 at Curry Gym. The Big Red scrambled ahead of T.P.S. in the first quarter 11 to 10. As the game progressed, they stretched the lead considerably to come out a winner by a score of 53-42. As in the past games, Frank Bass was high man with 13 points. Rhea Sumpter followed Frank with 11; Carl and Steve Trautman were close with 10 each. Others to score were Lee Noel with 2, Hunter Husband with 1, Phil Husband with 2, and Joel Parrish with 2.

M.B.A. vs. Peabody

In another game at Curry Gym, M.B.A. met and lost to Peabody on December 18, 69-39. M.B.A. had a good start but fell behind considerably as the game came to a close. The Big Red had trouble putting the ball in the basket although Frank Bass scored 18 points. Others to score were Sumpter (5), Parrish (2), H. Husband (2), Ligon (2), Shillinglaw (2), Noel (5), and Woods (6).

M.B.A. vs. North

M.B.A.'s first game in 1964 was a success with a 58-51 victory over North. Together with North's heavy fouling and the scoring of Frank Bass (14), Lee Noel (13), and Steve Trautman (10), M.B.A. came back strong in the second half to tie North. Then an eleven point surge in the first overtime pulled the Big Red out with its second victory. Others to score were Sumpter (1), Joel Parrish (2), Norman Carl (2), Hunter Husband (4), Paul Wells (4), Dent Shillinglaw (7), and Pat Woods (1).

Frosh Tourney

On February 13, the freshman basketball tournament began at M.B.A. Ten teams were entered in the competition. M.B.A., Cohn, Ryan, Clarksville, B.G.A., Nashville West, and Nashville East were some of the teams participating. The first round M.B.A. drew a bye and moved into the quarter-finals. Also in the first round, B.G.A. was defeated by Clarksville, and Ryan went down at the hands of Cohn. The next night M.B.A. was pitted against a rough West team. The low scoring contest was extremely close all the way. At the half the M.B.A. frosh led by one point, 8-7. The final score was 18-16, with the Little Red coming out on top. Cohn, Clarksville, and Murfreesboro also advanced to the semi-finals. Clarksville was M.B.A.'s next opponent. The Frosh dropped this game by a scanty 8 points, 42-34. This moved M.B.A. to the consolation game with Cohn, while Clarksville and Murfreesboro stepped into the finals. The M.B.A. freshmen played like tigers and beat Cohn 11 points, 42-31. This gave M.B.A. third place in the tournament. In the finals, Clarksville crushed Murfreesboro 46-28. Eliot Jones from M.B.A. was named to the All Tournament team.

M.B.A. vs. Peabody

M.B.A. traveled to Peabody on January 3 to lose a well-played game 72-37. Hunter Husband had 11 points, Lee Noel had 15, and Frank Bass had 20. Others to contribute to the scoring were Joel Parrish (3), Steve Trautman (4), and Paul Wells (2).

J.V. vs. Peabody

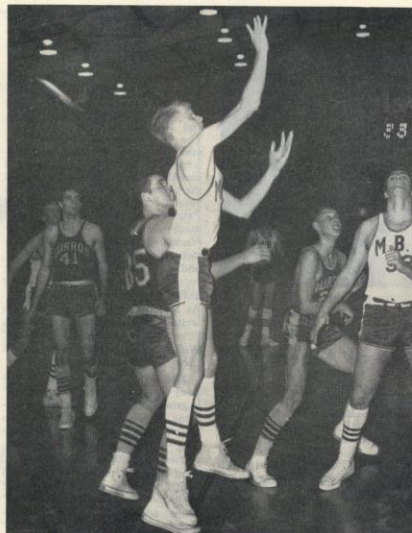
A fired up Peabody team, still smarting from the defeat earlier by M.B.A., fought back a determined J.V. team and beat the Big Red 47-46. "Only the fact that Peabody used several varsity players helped to bail out the Tigers," Tom DeMoss had 12 and Jim Burge had 14 for M.B.A.

M.B.A. vs. Hillsboro

On January 10, M.B.A. renewed its rivalry at Curry Gym with tough Hillsboro. Leading the Burros throughout the first half, the Big Red lost their lead in the third quarter and fought to within two points with a minute to go in the game. Because of several bad breaks, the Burros were able to hold on for a 38-33 win. Lee Noel and Steve Trautman paced the Big Red with 9 points each while Joel Parrish contributed 5, Frank Bass 8, and Hunter Husband 2.

M.B.A. vs. Franklin

On January 11, M.B.A. journeyed to Franklin to test the Franklin High Rebels. M.B.A. led by one point at halftime because of Paul Wells's last second basket. The third quarter saw M.B.A. fall behind, but the Big Red tightened its defense and stretched its winning margin to 10 points, 36-26. Phil Husband played his best game of the year, pacing the winners with 9 points. Others contributing points were Joel Parrish (6), Frank Bass (8), Hunter Husband (6), Paul Wells (2), and Lee Noel (5).



Above: Bass jumps for two.

M.B.A. vs. Cohn

On January 7 at Curry Gym, M.B.A. met Cohn for the second time only to fall short in the last minute 50-46. Going down in a tough defeat, Frank Bass again had 20 points, Phil Husband had 11, and Hunter Husband had 9. Others breaking into the scoring column were Joel Parrish (1), Dent Shillinglaw (3), and Lee Noel (2).

Junior Varsity Basketball

J.V. vs. West

On December 10 the M.B.A. Junior Varsity ran its record to 2-1 by defeating West 45-39. The Big Red led all the way by sensational play by Dent Shillinglaw who scored 26 points on 13 field goals.

J.V. vs. B.G.A.

On December 13 the Junior Varsity picked up its third victory by coming from behind to defeat B.G.A. 45-39. Behind 32-31 at the start of the fourth quarter the Big Red smashed the vaunted Wildcat defense to win going away. Dent Shillinglaw and David Hyatt scored 12 points apiece while DeMoss chipped in with 8 last-quarter points.

J.V. vs. T.P.S.

The Junior Varsity piled up its biggest point total of the year in blasting T.P.S. 60-50. Coming from behind again, the Big Red scored 19 points in the final quarter to win going away. Leading the hot-shooting J.V.'s was David Hyatt with 19 points, followed by Tommy DeMoss and Dent Shillinglaw with 10 points apiece.

J.V. vs. Peabody

Shooting a blistering 60% from the field in the first half, the J.V. toyed with the Peabody Tigers 56-43. Again the Big Red showed excellent balance in scoring, hitting 77% in the free throw bracket. David Hyatt again led the J.V.'s with 13 points, and Jerry Loftin and Greer Cummings bucketed 12 and 10 respectively.

18th District Tourney MBA vs. Mt. Juliet

On February 24, the Big Red whipped the Mt. Juliet Bears 43-38 in a double overtime in the kickoff game of the 18th district tournament. The student body turned out in force to see Steve Trautman and Frank Bass lead the attack for M.B.A. Steve hit a crucial free throw just at the end of regulation play and Frank and Greer Cummings both dumped in two in the second overtime to sew it up for the Big Red.

MBA vs. 18th District Champs

M.B.A. faced its second 18th district tournament foe on Wednesday, February 27. A large, enthusiastic M.B.A. crowd watched as the Big Red slow down offense throttled the 18th district champs successfully before falling 43-34.

M.B.A. opened the scoring on a jumper by Frank Bass and enjoyed as much as a five point lead during the first eight minutes. The score at the quarter was 8-6, M.B.A.

The second quarter saw M.B.A. flounder against its greatest weakness of the year, the zone press. The Big Red was forced into numerous floor mistakes which seemed to take a little of the fire out of the team. The half ended with M.B.A. down 14-19.

The third quarter was not much better than the second for the M.B.A. fans as the Big Red was repeatedly forced into numerous floor mistakes. Hunter Husband began to hit in the closing minutes of the quarter, but the score stood with M.B.A. down 23-33.

The fourth quarter saw the Big Red regain the form shown early in the game. Breaking the press which had given them so much trouble, the Big Red found open shots and cut the deficit to four points. Fouls in the final minutes in attempts to get possession of the ball proved costly, however, and the final score read 43-34.

Individually, Hunter Husband was the big gun for M.B.A. His ten second half points gave him a total of fourteen for the night. Steve Trautman saw limited service and managed only three points, definitely lacking the fine form he showed against Mt. Juliet. Joel Parrish, playing with an injured knee, and Lee Noel scored four points each. Frank Bass, the team's leading scorer, found himself caught in the corners frequently and managed only two points. The sophomores, Jimmy Burge, 4 points; Greer Cummings, 1 point; and David Hyatt, 2 points well showed that all they need is a little experience before M.B.A. begins to play consistent winning basketball. This loss ended a season which despite the poor record produced much good basketball for which the student body should be proud. The team wishes to thank the students for their support—win or lose.

Congratulations to seniors Frank Bass and Steve Trautman and good luck to the sophomores and juniors next year.

Frank Stevens

J.V. vs. Clarksville

With methodical swiftness the J.V. rambled to its 9th win of the season over Clarksville 59-47. The Wildcats were able to stay in the game in the first half, but led by Tommy DeMoss' 12 points, the J.V. outscored them 23-6 in the third quarter. DeMoss ended with 17 points and David Hyatt with 15 for the explosive J.V.

WRESTLING



Above: Dilly moves in for pin.

On Saturday the eleventh of January, the M.B.A. wrestling team, under the able guidance of both Coach Cornelius and Coach Smith, defeated Columbia Military Academy by the score of 26-21. After a win by John Billings in the 105 lb. class, the Big Red lost the next two matches by one point each. A pin win would have put the visitors ahead by 11 points at that time. Don Wells then pinned his opponent. In the next match M.B.A. struck a stroke of bad luck when Roy Elam was lost due to a dislocated shoulder. The next two matches were split with David Dilly winning and Rick Evans losing. With three matches remaining, M.B.A. was behind by 10 points; but Tom Gambill and Tupper Morehead each pinned his man and Jimmy Baldwin won by disqualification. The wrestling team has upcoming matches with B.G.A., C.M.A., and the Blind School. If the past match is any indication of things to come, the wrestling team should have a very successful season.

J.V. (Contd.)

J.V. vs. North

Although it lacked top scorer David Hyatt, the Junior Varsity rode on the strength of Tommy DeMoss' 19 points and breezed past North 55-28. The Big Red's tenacious defense forced numerous North floor mistakes as the J.V. rolled to its fifth straight victory, and sixth overall.

M.B.A. vs. Clarksville

On January 14, Clarksville's highly-rated Wildcats came to Curry Gym to face the Big Red. Staying with Clarksville for the first quarter, M.B.A. watched the Wildcats pull away on the strength of their bench and on their zone press and post a 62-33 win. Frank Bass scored 11 points on fast breaks while Hunter Husband started the Big Red off well with 10 points. Others breaking into the scoring column were Joel Parrish (2), Steve Trautman (2), Phil Husband (2), Norman Carl (4), and Paul Wells (2).

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For More JV
Basketball!

Musicians Enliven Assembly



Don't Fret About It!

Tuesday, February 25, the student body was treated to a terrific performance by the three troubadours Bill Gony, Pat Patrick, and Bill "Wee Willie" Davidson. The performance consisted of numerous popular folk songs interspersed with the unparalleled humor of Gony and Davidson and the frequent, "Hellos, Thank yous," and incoherent babblings of Patrick. Despite the fact that many of their songs bore close resemblance to those of the Kingston Trio, Peter Paul and Mary, and the Smothers Brothers, we recognize the group's tremendous ability in the field of folk singing. As Mr. Rule, noted faculty music writer and sometimes critic said, "I've heard worse on records." Well, I guess we can always send them to England.

The following day, the student body was shelled by "The Turtles" a group of seniors closely resembling a popular foreign rock 'n' roll combo. Introduced by the king of Sunday night television, Clifton Sobell, John Keathley, Paul Agee, George Braden, and Ringo Browder played some of their more familiar "long haired" songs accompanied by the frequent, "We love you Turtles" hurled at them by the student body. At the conclusion of the program, the cheers were so loud that Mr. Sobell had to call the boys back for a final bow.

The performances were enjoyed by all members of the student body. Let's hope that such assembly programs will be repeated.

Estwyne McKartney

A word from the Bell

This year, the editors of that most illustrious M.B.A. publication, *The Bell*, would like to inform you as to the state of your yearbook. Many new innovations will appear in the book the most significant of which is unfortunately, a fee. Although the Board of Trustees has authorized a ten dollar fee to offset last year's \$2000 loss, there will be only a charge of about \$7. You will not be required to buy a book if you do not wish to, but we do hope that you will. From this year forth the annual is expected to become larger, more organized, and a much better publication. With the support of the student body, the *Bell* this year and henceforth will become one of your most prized possessions.

Dr. James Anderson '51, Returns from Vietnam

Dr. James Anderson, class of '51, has recently returned from Vietnam, where he witnessed the coup which saw the overthrow of the Diem regime. Dr. Anderson was serving as a medical consultant for the Army. He is now on the staff of Walter Reed Hospital in Washington. When at M.B.A. Dr. Anderson received the coveted Martin Award for citizenship.

Hi-Y delegates meet—Sobel elected Speaker Of House

On Saturday, February 15, several members of the Hi-Y Club attended the Second District Pre-legislature Training Session at the State Capitol in preparation for the Annual Youth in Legislature Program sponsored by the Y.M.C.A. Many delegates from the Hi-Y clubs of the Mid-State area were represented at the day long meeting at which Legislative duties and procedures were studied. The Second District delegates elected two pages, a doorkeeper of the House, a Speaker of the House, and a candidate for Youth Governor. Clifton Sobel was elected as the Speaker for the 1964 Youth Legislature.

Kerry Todd
John Stevens

Estwyne Speaks And All Listen

I am sitting in front of the typewriter and I am typing to that I might fill a gap because some members of our sometimes distinguished newspaper staff failed to turn in their assigned articles and I will continue to sit here in front of my trusty typewriter typing until I have finished typing approximately sixteen lines of so I am sure you have noticed absolutely nothing, but, please bear with me for I am sure that many of you have observed that though at many times you think of nothing, it is hard to sit down at a typewriter and write nothing.

Estwyne

French Students Sing?

On December 18, the student body was entertained by Mrs. Hollins' annual French Christmas Program. As usual, Mrs. Hollins produced a fine program of traditional French Christmas carols sung by the second, third, and fourth year students. Kirk Todd, Mr. France himself (just ask him) introduced John Stiffer who read Luke's Christmas story from a French Bible. Kirk-baby then introduced the songs, telling a little about the customs behind each. This program is one of the few regular programs held by the school and is enjoyed by the students and faculty. Congratulations to Mrs. Hollins and the boys.

Estwyne

A Day in the Life of A Senior

read the *Mayor of Casterbridge* analyze four poems (get what they really mean!)

cry read outside reading for History go to annual staff meeting re-read M. of C.

go to Hi-Y meeting downtown go to Forensic Club Meeting go to Service Club meeting go to Senior Class meeting do homework (hal)

go to paper staff meeting memorize speech write speech recuperate from soccer see Mrs. Campbell

read short stories for English seminar study for English test study for math test re-do analysis of poems pray for snow

go to history seminar go to Big Red Club meeting go to basketball game get date for Friday break date for Saturday write to six colleges pray for help write THEME re-read *Mayor of C.* cry

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the
Mystery
Blimp?



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COMMENTS

Assembly Speakers

On Dec. 4, Kirk Todd presented to the chapel Dr. Armond L. Curry, minister of Westminster Presbyterian Church and graduate of Davidson College. Dr. Curry delivered a simple but meaningful story, quite appropriate in the Christmas season. The story was told in the first person and went something like this:

"Augustus Caesar issued a decree that everyone was to return to his native city and there be taxed. I am a poor man and live in Bethlehem. There I own a humble house and small stable. I took in boarders from the thousands of people coming to be taxed. I soon had my house filled and decided to go to an inn to see what the situation was like there. As I entered I saw that the lobby of the inn was crowded indeed. I spotted a young man, tired and dirty from travel, pleading in vain with the inn-keeper. His expectant wife stood by, anxiously awaiting an answer. I followed this couple as they dejectedly walked out into the night, and I asked them if they needed my small stable; after a brief discussion, they accepted my offer graciously. I led them back to my stable, where I straightened things up as best I could. As I returned to my house, I heard the young man say, 'This is a queer place to bring the Son of God into the world.' I laughed at this obvious excitement over the coming first-born and went to bed happy, having done what I thought to be a decent thing for this young and excited couple. Some time later that night, a shepherd wild with excitement woke me up and told me that a baby who was the Son of God had been born in my stable. I went out and congratulated the young man and his wife and viewed quietly among a crowd of shepherds the baby. The child grew up, and my fame as the owner of that stable spread. I believed in Jesus' power very much; one day, several years later, I came to John, a friend and follower of His, and told him I wanted to do more for Jesus than offer him a lowly stable. I wanted to offer him the use of my house, now much grander than it was before. He told me Jesus still slept in stables and did not need the house. He urged me, however, to open my heart to Jesus. Indeed, I opened my heart and made it a temple for Jesus to enter. Yet he entered not. Then, remembering the words of John, I made my heart into a humble stable, and Jesus entered in.

All of the students thoroughly enjoyed the appropriate and meaningful speech by Dr. Curry. Wilson Prueher, a member of the "fabulous" class of 1960 and recipient of many honors at MBA, spoke at chapel on December 16 about the Naval Academy. There Wilson is presently a regimental commander, one of the highest positions attainable at Annapolis. Wilson informally presented a brief picture of the Naval Academy's curriculum, social life, programs, and customs. The purpose of the Naval Academy is, of course, to train officers for the Navy. Wilson pointed out that one doesn't have to be "sold" on the Navy to apply at Annapolis; one merely has to be interested. He added that success in admission and actual work at the Academy depend upon an average ability in all fields. Navy's curriculum is getting tougher each year and new, challenging courses are being added. The Naval Academy has excellent instructors; Wilson asserted that all his instructors after his plebe year were Ph.D.'s. All the instructors there are eager to give extra help. At Annapolis

Estwyne
says,
"Have a
Happy
Spring
Vacation!"

there is some social life but very little the plebe year. Various summer programs which are most educational and beneficial. In the summer before the second year, each midshipman sails on a naval vessel in actual duty and there performs seamen's duties. In the summer before the third year, each midshipman goes to Pensacola to learn to fly jets at the navy air base there. In the summer before the fourth year, each midshipman serves as a junior officer in the fleet. Wilson served as an exchanged junior officer with the British fleet and went to the Orient and southeast Asia. Wilson added several miscellaneous facts about the Naval Academy and talked about the plebe year, which he considered beneficial. He told us that the plebe year is getting easier, but it is still hard to retain its purpose—to make one learn to budget time and act under pressure. Wilson added that MBA prepared him well for the Naval Academy and then talked to interested students afterward.

All the students enjoyed Wilson's informal, educational, and interesting speech.

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Improvements On The Hill

During the Christmas holidays, Saint Nick and his helpers again worked busily to embellish the students' comforts by making more improvements upon our campus.

First of all, I think that our new library improvements prior to the holidays should be mentioned. Surprisingly enough, a new carpet was placed on the floor; while above, a new ceiling was added. These new additions were a tremendous help for our library.

As the students were enjoying their holidays, a new ceiling was installed in each of the laboratories of the gymnasium. This was the greatest renovation which took place during the holidays.

A few other items were added to the improvement list. A new desk, which is said to be the best in the school, was placed in the Library. In the Old Science Building an old water cooler was replaced by a new water fountain. Last, but not least, new lights were placed in the upstairs hall in the Ball Building.

All major school improvements have ceased again until spring and summer vacations, but the alumni and Mr. Carter are making seen and unseen improvements throughout the year.

Disillusioned Student Questions Educational System

We have become a spoiled student body. Many of us happily float around the campus and from our high Olympic cloud shout to the lowly public school plebeians the superior advantages of M.B.A.'s educational system. At some place in our high school career, we have lost the essential charts that will lead us to the hidden harbors of a true pursuit of education.

If any of us would ever stop to question ourselves on our presence at M.B.A., we would be confronted by the glaring words of Jefferson: "Liberty through education." But how many of us realize what this liberty means, or even more, what the possession of this liberty entails? We content ourselves with a half-hearted attempt for education by attending a well-established private school. Then, unfortunately our tiny boat, making its way along the sea of life, founders in the wake of complacency.

Where does the fault lie? Both in the student body and in the system. As students, we are not willing to take full advantage of our potential, and the system does not allow the student in some cases to realize this potential. These seem to be harsh imputations and seem to constitute a paradox, however, both are valid statements. Believing in the superiority of a private school education to that of a public school education, we are not anxious to pursue the advantages of higher education that M.B.A. really offers. These advantages will never be obtained by taking the easy courses, doing merely the required research for a paper, or reading only the assigned books. In other words, many realize that they can realize the benefits of a private school education and still have the proverbial "good time."

Were M.B.A. to have such an intellectually motivated student body, then what would be the ideal system to help shape his motivation and potential? First of all, in the field of mathematics, first year algebra would be given in the 8th grade (as it is now being done in Honors groups at M.B.A.). 2nd and higher algebra in the freshman year, plane and solid geometry in the sophomore year, and trigonometry, analytics, and calculus in the last two years. Secondly, the English courses would cover more of the works by the great authors (Shakespeare, Milton, Melville, Hardy, Dante, Cervantes, Conrad, Camus, Kafka, Faulkner, Hemingway, Fitzgerald, Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Hawthorne, and Emerson). Moreover, grammar should be fully covered in the lower grades, leaving the last two years completely for literature. In the languages it would be possible for some students to take two years in one and then be able to devote their spare time to other languages. In these ways might an ideal system aid an ideal student.

This is what intellectual freedom means—a combined effort on the part of the student body and the faculty to take advantage of the fullest educational facilities. This liberty entails a responsibility which cannot be shunned. A student does not have to undertake every Honors course to fulfill his responsibility. Rather to remain free he must willingly participate in every intellectual endeavor to the best of his capabilities. Only in an all-out effort can he safely bring his boat into the harbor.

Skidding—A Requirement of Success

"You won't skid if you stay in a rut." This dubious quotation seems to have become the motto of the majority of the peoples of our world. One can find several causes for this timidity and conformity. One cause would be a hope of security, which hope can be proved to be merely one of the many forms of false security in our modern world. The second reason is one which furnishes the basis for all those who stay in the rut. This obvious fault is a lack of courage. All who do not seek the uncertainty of the mud above the rut are cowards. Moreover, this lack of courage causes a terrible loss to society. For, as Sydney Smith once wrote, "A great deal of talent is lost in the world for want of a little courage."

Although not obvious to those caught in this rut, there are valid reasons for departing from it. The satisfaction of one's mind and soul is an important reason for "jumping the rut." For instance, Henry David Thoreau exhibited this non-conformity when he withdrew into the woods in order to satisfy his mind as to the real meaning of life. Success, although often not attained, is a determining factor of this satisfaction. A man who succeeds in something, no matter how small, is content. However, as has been proved before, success is by far in a minority. Therefore, what satisfaction is present for those who fail? This question can be answered by recalling the fact that most men are easily contented. The reward of honest effort is the satisfaction of all who fail or succeed. As someone has said, "Drops of sweat from honest effort are always more gracious than idle tears from weak wishing."

Nevertheless, there are definite risks involved in this departure from the much-traveled rut. Obviously there is a risk of getting stuck and falling. Fear of this is the main obstacle to the emergence of many from the rut. For these people do not and will not strive to seek the pure satisfaction of effort. Another risk which is involved is that of skidding. This statement means that all who stay out of the rut must be prepared to meet the many little failures which are bound to occur. Although these setbacks may hurt a person, he must have the fortitude to continue working. For all successes have accompanying failures. For example, Thomas Edison, the greatest inventor of all times, could show us more failures than successes. Therefore, skidding outside of the rut can be described as a requirement of any success.

Looking beyond these successes or failures, one can visualize the great rewards of staying out of this mighty rut. Obviously, the world could not advance physically or mentally unless someone dared to risk himself on the outside. Also, these non-conformists receive an inner satisfaction which is impossible to be obtained by the "rutters." Moreover, there are men who recognize the worth of those who dare to try themselves. These men give credit where credit is due. As Theodore Roosevelt once said, "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, . . . who at best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who at the worst, if he fails, at least falls while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory nor defeat."

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Personalities



The Bell Ringer is pleased to announce Roy Elam as a personality of the month. Since coming to M.B.A. from Julia Green in the seventh grade, Roy has been an active participant in the life of our school. Besides having been on the varsity wrestling squad for three years, Roy has come from Freshman to Junior Varsity to our fine bowl-winning Varsity football team.

Roy, nicknamed Roe by his friends, has been a member of both the Forensic and Hi-Y clubs since his sophomore year. Also this year he received a great honor, election to the Service Club. This year Roy is also a member of the sports staff of The Bell. Roy is also quite popular with his classmates as shown by his election to the honor council as a sophomore and as treasurer of our graduating class.

Off campus Roy is an active member of St. George's Episcopal Church being vice-president of the Acolyte's Guild. He is also sergeant-of-arms of the Alpha Chi fraternity. With congratulations for a job well done, we salute Roy Elam, personality of this first issue of The Bell Ringer in 1964.

Hank Davis



The Bell Ringer wishes to salute Mrs. Campbell as personality of the month. Mrs. Campbell came to M.B.A. in 1943 from McCallie School where she taught speech. During her years as a teacher she has worked with boys only.

Mrs. Campbell went to Virginia Intermont in Bristol, Virginia, Vanderbilt School of Speech, Peabody College, and Columbia College of Speech in Chicago where she studied speech and teaching.

When she came to M.B.A., she taught a couple of classes and helped boys in the declamation contest. Several years later she took on the job of librarian. She has now enlarged the speech program to include a course in speech that is taken in the Freshman year. In addition to this she has started a Forensic Club, four debate teams which have won many awards, assembly programs, and has coached many winners of interscholastic contest. Between 1952-1957 her "Freedom Forum Panel" won for four consecutive years awards from the Freedom Foundation at Valley Forge. In addition, we now have one of the finest libraries for a school our size.

The school and the boys here owe a great deal to Mrs. Campbell.

Chip Baker



The Bell Ringer Staff is pleased to announce the selection of Bill Browder as a personality of the month. Since he came to M.B.A. from Farmer School in the seventh grade, he has shown his ability in every form of student life.

Bill's sense of leadership and responsibility caused him to be elected to class treasurer in his Junior year. This year he holds the office of vice-president of the Senior class. During both years he has served on the student council.

In addition to these duties, Bill engages in many extracurricular activities. He is now a member of the Hi-Y Club, the Forensic Club, and the Service Club. He is an excellent wrestler, having been on the wrestling team since his Freshman year. He also is on the business staff of the Bell Ringer. Off campus, Bill is active in Saint George's Episcopal Church, serving as an acolyte. He is a member of the Alpha Chi Fraternity and this year acts as treasurer of that organization.

Bill's amiable personality makes him popular on and off campus, and his talents and efforts have given him a worthy record. It is therefore with greatest pride and admiration that we recognize Bill Browder in this issue.

Joe Strayhorn



It is indeed a great pleasure to honor Miss Cindy Adams as a personality of the month.

Cindy came to St. Cecilia as a freshman after attending St. Henry's school. In her two and a half years in high school, Cindy has established a fine record in many fields of endeavor. At St. Cecilia, Miss Adams is a member of the Sodality, a member of the Honor Society and a member of the drama club. She has also been on the varsity basketball team for two years.

Outside of school Cindy's interests include civic work, swimming and diving, and M.B.A. She has served M.B.A. for three years as a spaghetti supper hostess and as a cheerleader for one year. She is also interested in swimming and diving and won the state championship in diving a year ago. Cindy attends Christ the King, and is a member of the S.A.P. club. This year she plans to be a counselor at the Emsworth Day Camp.

It is truly an honor for the Bell Ringer staff to honor Miss Cindy Adams as a Personality of the Year. Our many thanks to this fine young lady.

Sam Herbert



We of the Bell Ringer are proud to announce the selection of Mrs. June Bowen as faculty personality of the month. Despite the short length of time she has been at M.B.A. she has gained the admiration of all who have been fortunate enough to be associated with her.

Mrs. Bowen was born and raised in Texas. After attending Baylor University, where she received her B.A. degree, she lived in New York for a brief time and then moved to Nashville. She then received her M.A. degree from Peabody. She has served in several capacities before her present position as English teacher at M.B.A., having taught at Woodmont Elementary School and Parmer School. She also taught at Julia Andrews and during the last year served as county superintendent of special education.

It is with great pride that we welcome Mrs. Bowen as Personality of the month and we sincerely hope that she will come to regard M.B.A. with as much affection as she herself has been received by the student body.

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